Waiving the dues of SEBs towards the CPSUs

404. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government proposes to waive the dues of State Electricity Boards towards Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) the dues of each SEB on various PSUs;

(d) the break up thereof;

(e) the formula adopted for waiving the dues; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (f) Under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister a Chief Ministers' Conference was held in March, 2001. Among other issues the Conference resolved to constitute an Expert Group to recommend a one time settlement of outstanding dues of the SEBs to the CPSUs and dues from the CPSUs to the State Power Utilities.

An Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Shri MS. Ahluwalia, the then Member (Energy), Planning Commission was constituted in March, 2001. The Expert Group has since submitted two reports. The first report relating to one time settlement of outstanding dues was submitted in May, 2001 and the second report relating to capital restructuring the reforms was submitted in July, 2001.

The main features of the scheme recommended by the Expert Group for one time settlement of outstanding dues are as under:-

(a) The Group recommended 50 per cent waiver of surcharge/ interest on delayed payments

(b) For the remaining dues *i.e.* the Entire principal outstanding as

well as the remaining 50% surcharge, bonds would be issued by the respective State Governments.

(c) The bonds would be issued through RBI at a tax free interest rate of 8.5% p.a.

(d) The bonds should be structured to achieve a moratorium of 5 years on repayment of principal with the entire principal being repaid between the 6th and 15th year.

(e) These bonds shall be identical to bonds issued in connection with the market borrowings of State Governments, with the attendant discipline in repayments. The bonds will be subject to lock-in restrictions that will allow release of only 10 per cent of the bonds in the secondary market each year.

(f) For ensuring timely payment of current dues in future, defaults in current payment for power/fuel should attract a graded reduction in the supply of power from Central power stations and in coal supplies. Where such defaults exceed 90 days from the date of billing, the Ministry of Finance should recover these dues through adjustment against releases dues to them from the Centre.

(g) As part of the scheme, SEBs should accept reform-based performance milestones such as setting up SERCs, metering of distribution feeders and improvement in revenue realisation. The milestones should be specified in the MOUs to be signed with the Ministry of Power.

(h) The States should be offered incentives for complying with the scheme. If SEBS do not default on their current dues and adhere to the performance milestones, CPSUs should pay them, during the first four year commencing from 1.4.2001, biannual cash incentives equal to 2 per cent of the value of bonds.

(i) Further, if SEBs open and maintain LCs till the end of December 2001, CPSUs should pay them a one-time cash incentive equal to 2 per cent of the value of bonds.

(j) In addition, States undertaking reforms should also be assisted through APDP grants and discretionary allocation of power.

(k) This scheme should enter into force only after one-half of the States that have an annual billing of over Rs. 500 crore per annum from CPSUs give their consent, and should be effective in respect of the States that give such consent.

(1) The States that withhold their consent beyond 60 days after this scheme enters into force should be denied any share in the discretionary allocation of 15 per cent from the power stations of CPSUs as well as any assistance under APDP. If the overdues of such States exceeded Rs. 50 crores in respect of any CPSU, they should also attract reduction in power and coal supplies, as applicable to the States participating in this scheme.

Following the submission of the Report of the Expert Group a high level Empowered Group consisting of Finance Minister, Dy Chairman, Planning Commission, Minister of Power and Cheif Ministers of some States met on 26.6.2001 and 26.7.2001. The Empowered Group endorsed the recommendations of the Expert Group with the following modifications:—

(i) Waiver of surcharge would now be 60% instead of 50% as recommended by the Group.

(ii) The incentives for achieving the reform based milestones shall be increased to 6% in the first year and 5% in the second year.

Recently, Minister of Power has written to Chief Ministers of States and UTs urging them to initiate necessary steps for implementation of the scheme at the earliest.

The Statement of outstading dues payable to CPSUs of Ministry of Power as on 30.4.2001 is given below.

Statement

(As on 31st March 2000)

Outstanding Dues Payable To Central Sector Power Corporation
(Principle & Surcharge)

(Rs. in crores)

SL.	SEBs/STATES	NTPC			NHPC			PGCIL			NEEPCO		
No.		PRIN	INTT	TOTAL	PRIN	INTT	TOTAL	PRIN	INTT	TOTAL	PRIN	INTT	TOTAL
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-1.01	98.36	97.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-8.16	-8.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.61	0.85	7.00	1.46	8.46	15.81	4.13	19.94
3.	Assam	33.55	21.04	54.59	0.23	0.00	6.23	171.00	34.54	205.54	527.89	284.04	811.93
4.	Bihar	1871.78	1285.36	3157.14	10.89	25.07	35.96	155.00	42.87	197.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.	Gujarat	123.07	18.94	142.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.	Goa	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	HVPNL(HSEB)	120.09	280.62	400.71	124.52	493.84	618.36	0.60	21.00	21.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	23.11	16.89	40.00	43.22	33.41	76.63	0.50	0.70	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	58.33	0.00	58.33	-9.21	0.00	-9.21	121.00	55.00	176.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.	Karnataka	177.86	96.77	267.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00	15.00	22.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11.	Kerala	511.17	62.67	573.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.00	5.00	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1150.97	408.53	1559.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.00	11.00	65.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13.	Maharashtra	412.83	252.58	665.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.52	6.92	21.44	42.00	10.00	52.00	108.62	41.73	150.35
15.	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	1.32	1.46	4.00	1.10	5.10	13.31	2.72	16.03
16.	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.14	1.10	5.24	7.00	0.00	7.00	35.60	7.92	43.52
17.	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.25	2.60	7.85	18.00	5.00	23.00	49.65	23.43	73.08
18.	Orissa (GRIDCO)	470.86	143.25	614.11	6.73	11.75	18.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19.	Punjab	68.85	23.11	91.96	136.45	175.07	311.52	6.00	1.30	7.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
20.	Rajasthan	335.10	120.76	455.86	55.50	8.84	64.34	23.00	0.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
21.	Sikkim	26.78	13.13	39.91	2.02	0.26	2.28	9.00	4.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22.	Tamil Nadu	306.50	167.64	474.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.10	0.00	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
23.	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.90	1.18	3.08	10.00	0.05	10.05	41.74	10.57	52.31
24.	Uttar Pradesh	2177.55	710.25	2887.80	451.00	258.32	709.32	14.00	0.00	222.11	0.00	0.00	0.00
25.	WBSEB	848.28	669.89	1518.17	9.53	8.58	18.11	51.00	22.00	73.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26.	DVB(DESU)	1450.61	1493.73	2944.34	265.15	273.23	538.38	106.00	72.00	178.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27.	DVC	260.82	423.00	683.82	0.16	0.00	0.16	0.30	4.00	4.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
28.	DNH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29.	Chandigarh UT	-0.78	0.00	0.78	5.85	5.41	11.26	0.40	0.00	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
30.	NEEPCO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.92	7.75	8.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31.	Daman & Diu	-0.07	0.98	0.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32.	Pondicherry	16.49	13.71	30.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
33.	Cooprative	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34.	State Govts.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
35.	Power Gride	0.45	3.12	3.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36.	Other (Wind)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
37.	Private (JPHPCL)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
38.	Railways	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
39.	MEA (Power to Nepal)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
40.	Chhattisgarh (CSEB)	-2.23	0.00	-2.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL:	10434.05	6324.38	16758.43	1129.15	1315.26	2444.41	825.02	299.36	1332.49	792.62	374.54	1167.16

As on 31st March 2001.

Outstanding Dues Payable To Central Sector Power Corporation (Principle & Surcharge)

As on 30th Apr. 01 (Rs. in crores)

SI. No	SEBS/STATES		PFC			DVC			REC		
			PRIN	INTT	TOTAL	PRIN	INTT	TOTAL	PRIN	INTT	TOTAL
1	Andhra Pradesh	$	71.15	0.00	71.15	0.30	0.00	0.30	0.14	1.00	1.14
2	Arunachal Pradesh		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.84	0.04	3.88
3	Assam	**	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.70	0.00	1.70	57.00	118.70	175.77
4	Bihar		5.59	0.00	5.59	901.30	1102.68	2003.98	141.59	303.17	444.76
5	Gujarat		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.56	0.53	6.09
6	Goa		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02
7	HVPNL(HSEB)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
8	Himachal Pradesh	$$	17.49	0.00	17.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
9	Jammu & Kashmir		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.38
10	Karnataka		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.94	2.17	9.11
11	Kerala		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	*	19.32	0.00	19.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	821.68	600.46	1422.14
13	Maharashtra		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Manipur		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.84	0.33	3.17
15	Meghalaya		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.71	19.71	31.42
16	Mizoram		2.29	0.00	2.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.72	2.66	5.38
17	Nagaland		2.79	0.00	2.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02
18	Orissa (GRIDCO)		3.58	0.00	3.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.18
19	Punjab		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.24
20	Rajasthan		0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.23	7.63	28.86

* Including Rs. 18.15 crores of Maheshwar
S Including Rs. 71.15 crores of APGENCO
$$ Including Rs. 17.49 crores of HPGCL
** Including Rs. 5.59 crores of TVNL

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
21	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
22	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.01	1.01
23	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.59	0.59
24	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	407.62	452.49	860.11
25	WBSEB @	10.97	0.00	10.97	410.51	416.34	826.85	157.52	361.32	518.84
26	DVB(DESU)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27	DVC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28	DNH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29	Chandigaih(UT)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30	NEEPCO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	Cooperatives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.80	22.12	36.92
34	State Govts.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.06	0.27
35	Power Grid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	Other (Wind)	0.14	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.74	13.81	27.55
37	Private (JPHPCL)	7.68	0.00	7.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
38	Railways	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
39	MEA (Power to Nepal)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
40	Chhattisgarh (CSEB)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	141.06	0.00	141.06	1313.81	1519.02	2832.83	1669.52	1908.40	3577.92

@ Including Rs. 10.97 crores of DPL

Outstanding Dues Payable To Central Sector Power Corporation (Including Surcharge)

As on 30th Apr. 01 (Rs. in crores)

Name of PSUs	PRINCIPAL	SURCHARGE	TOTAL
NTPC	10434.05	6324.38	16758.43
NHPC	1129.15	1315.26	2444.41
PGCIL	825.02	299.36	1332.49
NEEPCO	792.62	374.54	1167.16
PFC	141.06	0.00	141.06
DVE	1313.81	1519.02	1832.83
REC	1669.52	1908.40	3577.92
TOTAL	16305.23	11740.96	28254.30

As on 31st March 2001.

Vacation of Old Tehri City

† 405. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the old Tehri city is supposed to be vacated at the earliest keeping in view Tehri Dam project;

(b) whether Government have any discussion with the Government of Uttaranchal keeping in view the fact that the State Government of Uttar Pradesh had backtracked from the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when T-3 and T-4 tunnels will be closed and work related to spillway will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.